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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF NIGERIA TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

¶1. Following is the text of a letter from Minister Oluyemi Adeniji to Secretary Colin Powell. Original is being sent by pouch.

¶2. Begin text.

Mr. Colin L. Powell
United States Secretary of State
c/o Embassy of the United States of America
9 Mambilla Street
Maitama District
Abuja

Your Excellency

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your recent letter on the IAEA Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources and to inform you that Nigeria is a state party to the IAEA Convention on the Safety of Radioactive materials. Nigeria identifies with the principles and objectives of the IAEA Code of Conduct on Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources which conforms with the objectives enunciated in our Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection Act of 1995, which established the Nigeria Nuclear Regulatory Authority (NNRA).

Nigeria is already working closely with the IAEA in the implementation of the Code and indeed was one of the supporters to the development of the Code. As a step to implement the Code, the Federal Government invited the IAEA Security Advisory Mission to visit Nigeria in May 2004 to conduct security survey on nuclear and radioactive sources in order to implement fully the provisions of the Code. Nigeria is, therefore, committed to implementing the guidance contained in the IAEA Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary of State, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely
/signature/
Ambassador Oluyemi Adeniji, CON

End text.

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